

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**CORRECTED  
FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 399 - HB 1027**

April 8, 2013

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Establishes quantifiable brightness criteria for changeable message signs operated pursuant to a permit issued by either the Department of Transportation (TDOT) or by a local government.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

On February 18, 2013, a fiscal note was issued estimating a fiscal impact as follows:

Increase State Expenditures – \$4,000/One-Time/Highway Fund

Due to an erroneous assumption made by the Department of Transportation (TDOT), this impact was in error. Based upon additional information provided by TDOT, the estimated fiscal impact is:

**(CORRECTED)**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- One item of equipment to measure brightness of light emitted from a changeable message sign will be required for four TDOT regions at a cost of \$1,000 per item. The total one-time cost for such equipment is estimated to be \$4,000 (4 regions x 1 item per region x \$1,000 per item).
- According to TDOT, the Department has intended to establish a measurable standard through rulemaking and would have acquired this equipment in the absence of this bill. As a result, any cost incurred will be accommodated within existing resources without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.
- According to TDOT, there are currently approximately 128 changeable message signs statewide. Approximately 10 to 20 additional signs are erected each year.
- It is estimated that initial and ongoing measurements of brightness of light emitted from such signs can be accomplished within existing resources of TDOT's regional staff without an increased appropriation or a reduced reversion.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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